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Recycling Committee Minutes - 07/10/2007

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Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes July 10, 2007

Present: Debbie Augustine (chair), Sally Embley, Betsy Janeway, Liane Kerbyson, David Lancaster, Don Lane, Bob Lapree, Mary Leadbeater, and Katherine Mitchell. Guest: Ron Klemarczyk.

The meeting convened at 6:40. The **minutes from the June 12 meeting** were reviewed, and two clarifications were suggested. In the first paragraph, the clause in the fourth sentence should read "excluding bonds for the transfer station and landfill closure," and the end of the second sentence in the fourth paragraph should read "... maybe just paper and glass, and hire a person to keep an eye of things." Don moved (seconded by Dave) that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

The committee will try rotating **secretary responsibility** among the members, each month designating the person who will take the minutes at the next meeting. Sally volunteered to take minutes for this meeting, and Mary agreed to do the minutes in August.

The bulk of the meeting was spent reviewing the **revised Power Point presentation** that Debbie and Katherine had recently enhanced with additional facts and snazzy new graphics. The group was enthusiastic about the new version, which now includes more town-specific information and emphasizes the number of NH towns that have already implemented Pay As You Throw programs. On Thursday (July 12), Debbie and Katherine will be meeting with Steve Clough to give him a preview of the presentation and ask for his suggestions. Don again emphasized that Steve's "buy-in" was essential to any final PAYT program.

With a few modifications (perhaps a "Where Do We Go From Here" wrap-up), the slide show will be presented to the Hopkinton Board of Selectman on Monday, July 16 at 5:30. Mary agreed to contact fellow members of the "Green Hopkinton" steering committee, and the REACH e-mail list may also be used to invite concerned residents to the meeting.

Sally will call the Webster Town Hall to find out whether a presentation can be arranged for the August 13 meeting of the Webster selectmen. If so, the Recycling Committee meeting will be changed to August 7. We need to be ready to answer specific questions about the process, including how haulers would fit in. And Betsy asked whether exceptions will be allowed, given previously expressed concern about fees for dairy farm waste and other large generators like McLane's.

Bob reported that a **drop-off place for recyclables** has a great deal of public support, but the devil is in the details. The group discussed type of receptacle (mobile versus fixed) and possible locations (sand shed, grange, school bus parking area) without reaching any decisions. It was agreed that the bin or van should be lockable, protected from the elements, and preferably supervised. (Concord's drop-off dumpster on Fruit St. had none of these features and was discontinued.) Dave said his e-mail inquiry to Herm Blanchett about using town trucks as possible mobile bins was instead interpreted as a demand. The idea was then shot down by Selectman Peter Russell. Don suggested verbal communications with town personnel in the future and, when a pilot plan is designed, a formal proposal to the selectmen.

In other business, Debbie asked who would be willing to write articles on recycling in order to build community support. The deadline for Hopkinton's *Townlines* (and the *Webster Grapevine*) is July 27. Liane volunteered to write about on the individual's role in fighting global warming, and Debbie will do something on recycling plastics. Sally will circulate an announcement about the PAYT presentation in Webster when that is confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Embley